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Very hot somewhat cooler today and Saturday.											
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INFERNAL MACHINE BAMED FOR WALL STREET BLAST

Investigation of New York Explosion Indicates That Plot Was Responsible for the Tragedy

BANDIT IS KILLED BY PATROLMEN AT 23D AND CHESTNUT

Men Into Building When Surprised in Midnight Robbery of Motor Co. at 105 S. 23d St.

LIVES PURSUERS TERRIFIC BATTLE; SHOTS EXCHANGED

Man Fights Even After He Is Fatally Wounded—Dies Later in Hospital

Surprised in the act of robbing the rooms of the Hurley Motor Co., 105 South Twenty-third street, at midnight, a negro bandit ran to a building at the northeast corner of Twenty-third and Chestnut streets, where he was shot and beaten so badly by police and detectives he died in the Jefferson Hospital at 2:30 o'clock this morning.

The bandit gave the police a terrific fight before he was subdued. Even after he had received a mortal wound in the stomach he continued fighting back. The police did not know the negro was shot until he had been taken to the hospital, where he died before they could remove a revolver from his hands.

The Fifteenth and Locust streets station received a telephone call about midnight that a man had been seen entering the salerooms of the Hurley Motor Co., which is a service station at Twenty-third street, just below Chestnut.

Police Explore Building

Sergeant Charles Levy, Detectives James Coyle and James Foy and a dog named "Buster" rushed to the motor company offices and began exploring in the rear of the building, which opens into Locust street, which runs between West Second and Twenty-third streets.

They found the rear window had been smashed. The police waited a few minutes, re-examined the scene and then heard a window pane crash in the second floor. Believing they could capture the intruder by going to an adjoining building on the west side of the street, Sergeant Levy and Detectives Coyle and Foy separated from the other police.

They ran to the top of a building at Twenty-third and Locust streets, north of the street, where they saw a man and saw the peak of a man's cap. The man saw he had been detected and ran over a coping and over roofs of the building at 23d and Chestnut streets. The three police officers immediately followed him.

The negro suddenly stopped shooting and ran down the stairs. Coyle went after him and the landing cornered him and began grappling with him. At that point Sergeant Levy saved the life of Coyle when he knocked a revolver out of the bandit's hands which he was just about to fire into Coyle's stomach.

Still clutching the revolver, the bandit clawed and tried his best to get away. Unknown to the police officers, he had been shot in the stomach but he did not draw the blood and heat in or over the head before he was subdued.

At the Jefferson Hospital where he was taken, the police found cards in his pockets which bore the name of Charles Daniels, 2045 Webster street. He was about thirty-five years old. He died about 10 o'clock after being kept unconscious for forty cartridges in the groin's pockets.

RACE MEET CANCELED

Normandy Farm Event Gives Way to Bryn Mawr Horse Show

Mr. Ralph Beaver Strausberger, of Normandy Farm, Gwynedd Valley, has announced that he will not hold his race meet this year, owing to the conflict of dates between the Bryn Mawr Horse Show and the Normandy Farm event, which also had been arranged for Saturday.

The Bryn Mawr Horse Show will be on September 23, and is concluded on September 29, and is concluded on September 29, and is concluded on September 29.

EFFORT TO RAISE S-5

Attempt to Raise Submarine to Attempt to Float Vessel

An attempt to raise the submarine S-5, which sank off Cape Henlopen and which sank off Cape Henlopen and which sank off Cape Henlopen, will be made by members of the crew, it is announced.

Lieutenant Commander Charles M. Johnson, who was in command at the time of the accident, has returned from an official visit to Washington, where he will be in charge of salvaging the S-5, which sank beneath the surface of the sea and could not be towed in after the wreck was rescued.

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Man, shot by wife, dies. William Johnson, of Carbondale, shot a month ago in the leg by his wife when she attempted to assault her, died in a hospital today, which has been out on bail, is re-arrested.

Bill Tilden's Fourth Tennis Talk Today

W. T. Tilden, 2d, who recently captured the American, British and world's championships, is writing a series of ten articles on tennis for the readers of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER. The articles appear on the sports page, and the fourth one is printed in this issue. In the series the world's greatest racket exponent informs the fans how to play the game, physically and mentally. Today, Mr. Tilden's story deals with the woman's championship.

STORES DAMAGED BY NEW YORK EXPLOSION



The photograph shows a cigar store, directly across the street from the J. P. Morgan & Co. building, where the doors and windows were blown out and the window display thrown to the street. Other doors and windows that were shattered are shown.

FLAMES AND BLAST DESTROY BAG PLANT

Nearly Families Routed From Homes at Early Morning Hancock Street Blaze

CAUSE IS NOT DETERMINED

Three families were driven to the street in their nightclothes and their homes damaged by fire that began in the bag plant of Louis Messelbaum, 617 North Hancock street.

The fire was discovered shortly before 2 o'clock, when the flames reached an explosive stored in the building. The front of the structure was blown out and an iron fire escape thrown many feet.

The detonation aroused the neighborhood. Wasiel Grabowski, his wife and five children, who live at 619 North Hancock street, immediately adjoining the burned plant, were thrown from their beds.

They ran into the street. Peter Rafal, 614 North Hancock street, and his wife and two children were forced to flee through the back exit of their home in the burning structure. The structure communicated to the front of their home, doing damage estimated at \$200.

The home of Philip and John Fay, 616 North Hancock street, was fired, and damage estimated at \$300 done. The families also escaped through the rear.

The damage to the bag plant and the home of Grabowski is estimated at \$10,000.

M'SWINEY HAD FAIR NIGHT

Begins Thirty-sixth Day of Hunger Strike—Grows Weaker

London, Sept. 17.—(By A. P.)—Lord Mayor Terence MacSwiney, of Cork, who today began the thirty-sixth day of his hunger strike at Brixton prison, passed a somewhat better night and had a little sleep, said a bulletin issued at 10 o'clock this morning by the Irish-Self-Determination League. The bulletin said the pains he has suffered in his limbs and back continue, but that he was not suffering from the pain in his head from which he has frequently complained. It was declared a doctor had found him appreciably weaker, but that he was still conscious.

In his report to the home office the physician at Brixton prison declared there was no change in the lord mayor's condition, except that a gradual deterioration was noticeable daily.

TRUCK KILLS LITTLE BOY

Driver Is Held Without Bail for the Coroner's Action

David Goldfield, three years old, of 710 North Eighth street, was killed yesterday when he was struck by a motor truck at Eighth and Brown streets. The child was rushed to the Roosevelt Hospital, where death was pronounced.

The driver, Jules Finkel, of Eighth street and Fairmount avenue, was held without bail for the action of the coroner.

ROBBED, THEN ARRESTED

Trip to Station in Taxi Adds to Woes of Emil Geiger

Because he could not pay a taxi driver who took him to a police station to report a hold-up in which he had been relieved of \$85, Emil Geiger, of 925 S. 15th street, was arrested yesterday.

He told Magistrate Carson he had been robbed at Eleventh and Nectarine streets, and that he called the taxi to report the robbery at once, promising the driver he would pay him when reaching his home.

He was discharged when the driver failed to appear to collect his fare.

GOLF FANS ATTENTION

Philadelphia's Beautiful Courses, a veritable paradise for lovers of the green, will be fully illustrated in the pictorial section of the Public Ledger; the first set next Sunday.

CALLS ROBBERY FRAME-UP

Night Watchman Implicated in Theft From Garage

Investigation following the supposed robbery of a garage at 81 North Nineteenth street in September revealed that the "robbery," which included binding and gagging the night watchman, was a deliberate frame-up, according to detectives. Two negroes and a white man had planned the affair, it was testified before Magistrate Carson.

Thomas Cunningham, of Cynwud, Pa., brother to a well-known contractor, was arrested by Detective Swayne, who, with Detectives Farrel and Osterholt, unraveled the mystery. Clarence Johnson, of 1818 Cambridge street, a friend of Thomas Palmer, night watchman of the garage, was questioned after the robbery and finally admitted having arranged the scheme, also implicating Cunningham.

The three cars which were stolen belonged to Mrs. A. M. Hancock, of 742 North Nineteenth street; S. K. Lewis, of 818 North Twenty-fourth street, and Dr. D. L. Snyder, of 1635 Girard avenue, were recovered in Anglesse, N. J., last week.

Cunningham and Johnson waived a hearing yesterday and were held in \$150 bail for the grand jury by Magistrate Carson. Palmer, the night watchman, is expected to be arrested in a few days.

BIDS CALLED REASONABLE

Street-Cleaning Equipment Offered to City at Fair Prices

Officials in the Department of Public Works have prepared figures for submission to the Mayor which indicate that equipment needed for street cleaning by municipal forces could be purchased at a reasonable price. The estimates were made today on the basis of bids for new and second-hand equipment, and they favor the project of municipal cleaning in accordance with the plan of the city charter.

Senator Vane and Archie Sobey, superintendent of the senator's street-cleaning plant, conferred with Joseph C. Wagner, assistant director of public works, of the Bureau of Highways, who is acting chief of the Bureau of Street Cleaning, and J. H. Neeson, attached to the Bureau of Street Cleaning, yesterday in City Hall.

The subject of the conference was surrounded with the utmost secrecy. Senator Vane denied it had to do with the cleaning of the streets next year, but declined to say to what it related. Officials of the Department of Public Works also said street cleaning was not discussed, and, like the senator, refused to divulge any information about the conference.

"RED SQUAD" DISBANDED

Trained Federal Agents Released Wednesday to Cut Expenses

New York, Sept. 17.—The "Red" squad of the Department of Justice, which has been active for months in tracing the movement of dangerous anarchists and their ilk, was disbanded just twenty-four hours before the Wall Street explosion yesterday.

It was said that a desire to effect economies and the fact that "Red" violence was on the decrease were the motives which inspired the dissolution of the "Red" squad.

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BETTER SCHOOLS, HOPE OF GOVERNOR

Sproul, on Fiftieth Birthday, Tells of Hopes for Legislative Action

WOULD END HOUSING EVILS

Abolition of evils of the present school system of the state and of the housing situation are among the things Governor Sproul hopes to achieve during the coming session of the Legislature.

The Governor talked freely of some plans he will sponsor in his home at Chester, where he celebrated his fiftieth birthday anniversary yesterday.

He mentioned the school system, the housing situation, forestry, the Delaware river bridge, the system of caring for patients in state institutions and the state's revenue as the problems in which he was most interested, and to which he purposed devoting special attention.

"Most of all," he said, "I am interested in the public school question. The school system, particularly in the rural districts, must be improved. Pennsylvania, one of the strongest and wealthiest states in the union, is first and foremost in many things, but by no means in education. To bring education up to a standard worthy of the state is the task that is really nearest to my heart."

"My activity in that connection will, however, be more or less passive, as it will consist primarily of giving my undivided, whole-hearted support to Doctor Finegan. Doctor Finegan is a great find. He has attacked the problem in a broad-visioned, courageous manner."

Watches Housing Experiments

So far as the housing problem was concerned, the Governor said he was going to watch the experiments now being conducted in Michigan and in New York.

"The state has broad police powers, which, among other things, protect tenants from being evicted in the winter. But that is not sufficient. I am aware that other steps should be taken. But I prefer to see what success the other states will have."

"It must, however, not be forgotten, continued on Page Two, Column Five

Dead and Injured

- New York, Sept. 17.—Here is a list of those who died, are missing or were injured in the Wall Street explosion yesterday afternoon:
- The Dead**
- Aaron, Joseph B., 521 Pacific street, Brooklyn.
- Aurebury, Joseph, twenty-seven, clerk, 18 Sherman avenue, the Bronx.
- Dickinson, Carolyn M., twenty-five, stenographer, 73 Hanover avenue, Elmhurst, L. I.
- Drury, Mrs. Margaret, twenty-nine, stenographer, 132 Ridgewood avenue, Brooklyn.
- Ellsworth, Reginald, 64 Liberty street, West Orange, N. J.
- Hanrahan, Charles, seventeen, messenger, 543 Forty-fourth street, Brooklyn.
- Hutchinson, William F., thirty-two, insurance broker, Garden City.
- Johnson, John, fifty-five, porter, 160 West Eighty-fourth street.
- Joyce, William T., clerk, J. P. Morgan & Co.
- Kennedy, Bernard J., thirty, clerk, 443 Tenth street, Brooklyn.
- Lindrothe, Charles A., thirty-two, clerk, 546 East Fifth street, Brooklyn.
- McArthur, ———, address unknown.
- McClure, Collin Barr, twenty-five, banker, 18 Arthur avenue, Yonkers.
- McKenna, Jerome H., chauffeur, address undetermined.
- Mayer, Alfred, 511 West 188th street.
- Miller, Frank, 700 West 179th street.
- Novak, U. S. A., Colonel Charles, 44 West Forty-fourth street.
- The Injured**
- Osprey, Thomas M., twenty-four, runner, 136 Chester avenue, Brooklyn.
- Portong, Ludof, twenty-six, clerk, 26 Meadley street, Jamaica.
- Schmid, Joseph, thirty, clerk, Bayside, Smith, Lewis K., 138 Greenwich street, Sweet, Edward A., Huntington, L. I.
- Zylander, Mildred, sixteen, 42 Commerce street.
- Westday, Robert, sixteen, messenger, 232 West Twenty-fourth street.
- Unidentified man, died in Broad Street Hospital.
- Unidentified woman, about fifty-five years of age.
- Missing**
- Broderick, Joseph, sixteen, lawyer's messenger, 49 Wall street.
- The Injured**
- Ashley, Anthony, 3143 Decatur avenue, the Bronx, jaw and wrist fractured; treated at Broad street hospital.
- Banker, Weston, 239 Baltic street, Brooklyn, burns, in Broad Street Hospital.
- Bishop, Margaret, 1040 Park place, Voluntee Hospital, seriously burned, in Voluntee Hospital.
- Bishop, Mary, 1040 Park place, Brooklyn, seriously burned, in Voluntee Hospital.
- Black, Joseph, 460 West Forty-ninth street, cut and bruised, in St. Vincent's Hospital.
- Beck, Fred, 321 East Seventy-seventh street, burns, in Broad Street Hospital.
- Begley, Worth, Washington, D. C., treated at Broad Street Hospital.
- Bond, Jack, 301 West 111th street, slightly injured, in Voluntee Hospital.

FRENCH OFFICIALS RECEIVED WARNING OF N. Y. EXPLOSION

High Commission Told to Vacate Offices on Broadway as Disaster Was Coming

BROKER ALSO GOT NOTE

BROKER ALSO GOT NOTE FROM TORONTO LAWYER

Treated Matter as Joke, and Insists Friend Had Mental Aberration

New York, Sept. 17.—A letter giving warning of yesterday's explosion was dropped Wednesday morning through the mail slot of a door in one of the offices of the French High Commission, at 65 Broadway, it became known last night. This letter, apparently written by a man formerly in the employ of the commission, was torn into small pieces soon after it was read and dropped into a waste basket.

Yesterday, after the explosion, these bits of paper were taken from the basket together and turned over to the police. The letter, which was addressed to Lieutenant Arnaud, who is attached to the commission, began with the word "Greetings." The writer said he thought he was rendering a service to the French Commission by advising Maurice Casenave, minister plenipotentiary, and his assistants of the fact that a catastrophe would occur in Wall street about 2:30 o'clock. No date was mentioned.

The writer suggested that Lieutenant Arnaud advise Minister Casenave to have the office of the commission closed and unoccupied at 2 o'clock so that the lives of the office staff might be spared. The letter also mentioned "between 2 and 4 o'clock daylight saving time" as the probable hour for the catastrophe.

It was intimated in the letter that "some people had grievances and wanted to take revenge." Lieutenant Arnaud read the letter several times. Feeling assured that it had been written by an alarmist and should not be taken seriously, he tore it up and threw it into a wastepaper basket. He gave no further thought to the letter until after the explosion today, when he rushed into the office, emptied the contents of the wastepaper basket in the hall on his desk, sorted the bits of the letter, pieced them together and turned them over to the police.

Efforts to learn whether the letter bore a signature proved futile.

Soon after the letter had been handed to the police it was learned that detectives had been sent to an address in West Ninety-second street to seek a man formerly in the employ of the French commission. It was said that he had left the service of the French Government on September 1, 1918.

The writer of the letter, the police believe, was familiar with all plans for the explosion and would be able to point out the responsible parties.

Broker Warned by Friend

George W. Ketchledge, a broker in the financial district, last night came to a postcard dated Toronto, Can., September 14, which read:

"Greetings:

"Get out of Wall street when the 'goes out' at 3 o'clock Wednesday (the 15th)."

"Good luck."

This card, signed "Ed" was received, Mr. Ketchledge explained, from

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Financial Centers Now Armed Camps

New York, Sept. 17.—(By A. P.)—The financial centers of America's big cities from coast to coast are armed camps today, with police and private sentries posted to guard against repetition of the mysterious explosion that rocked Wall street yesterday.

From Washington, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, Detroit, Baltimore, as far South as the Gulf of Mexico and west to the Golden Gate, authorities announced heavy patrols of plain clothes men and police reserves in their big business districts, and federal agents worked with state and city officials to run down reports of widespread extremist plots.

AUTO BANDITS FORCED TO FLEE BY SHOTS

Automobile bandits early today held up four men in widely separated sections of the city, in one instance being driven off by shots. The men held up were William McClintock, Continental Hotel; C. P. Dabill, 5822 Lansdowne avenue; William Smith, 5416 Springfield avenue, and George Staff, 2807 Coral street.

APARTMENT DWELLERS FLEE FLAMES

Fourteen persons were driven from homes in their nightclothes at 3:30 this morning when fire attacked an apartment house in the rear of 1422 Ridge avenue and a dwelling house in the rear of 1425 Fairmount avenue. Mrs. Robert Davis, sleeping in a second-floor apartment, was awakened by crackling flames. Mrs. Martin Bunsall, sleeping next door, heard her shouts, and aided in wakening the endangered families.

AMATOL OR TNT BLAMED FOR CRASH

Philadelphians close to the scene of the disastrous explosion in Wall street in front of the Morgan building, yesterday, point a graphic verbal picture of the calamity.

Either TNT or amatol was the explosive which caused the wreckage and loss of life, in the opinion of William W. Watson, Jr., a member of the firm of West & Co., Chestnut street near Broad.

Mr. Watson was attending a meeting of the American and Foreign Investors' Association in the Exchange building, Exchange place, right off Wall street, the scene of the disaster.

"The shock was terrific," he said. "The detonation was sharp and high. This is the sort of crack which TNT and amatol when they explode. Another characteristic of these explosives I noticed at the scene was that there was virtually no downward force to the explosive used, no hole being made in the street."

A real legal controversy will be on, however, when a group of Philadelphia women, native born Americans, married to alien husbands, present their requests to be added to the voting lists. As the law now stands, or at least as the courts have interpreted it, an American-born woman married to a foreigner loses her American citizenship and takes the nationality of her husband. The act of 1907 so provides. And having lost her American citizenship a woman in such circumstances cannot vote.

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WOMEN ASK TODAY FOR ASSESSMENT

Women are going into court today to ask to be permitted to vote in November.

Several thousand of them have signed petitions which will be presented to Judge Shoemaker in Common Pleas Court No. 1, asking that the applicants be added to the assessors' lists.

Unless the assessors object, which would be unusual, the petitions will be granted without argument.

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SPROUL AGAINST SYSTEM

The assessment system which is blamed by many of the petitioners for their failure to appear on the voting lists should be abolished, in the opinion of Governor Sproul. He terms it "a relic of the past."

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DANIELS'S KIN MAY BE HURT

Bagley Believed to Be Brother-in-Law of Navy Secretary

New York, Sept. 17.—Worth Bagley, of Washington, is among those who received treatment at the Broad Street Hospital immediately after the explosion. He is believed to be Commander David Worth Bagley, who commanded the destroyer Jacob Jones when she was torpedoed during the war. He is a brother-in-law of Secretary of the Navy Daniels and was decorated for distinguished service after he had been rescued from his sinking ship by a member of his crew.

The Worth Bagley treated at the hospital was not in uniform and is said to have been but slightly injured.

BANDITS HOLD UP TRAIN

St. Paul, Sept. 17.—(By A. P.)—Passengers on a train were held up yesterday near Ortonville, Minn., by two armed bandits, who obtained several hundred dollars in loot, according to word received here last night.

All Lancaster Groceries Closed

Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 17.—Two thousand grocers, with their families and friends, journey to Atlantic City yesterday for their annual picnic. All grocery stores here were closed for the day.

TIMING DEVICE USED ON BOMB, PROBERS THINK

Clockwork and Curved Metal Found in Wreck Near Morgan Building

DEATH LIST REACHES 31; 200 PERSONS INJURED

Mayor Hyman Plans \$10,000 Reward for Arrest of Perpetrators

SECURITIES ARE MISSING

Financial Structures Being Re-paired—Lamont Clings to Accident Theory

By the Associated Press

New York, Sept. 17.—The mysterious explosion that rocked New York's financial district yesterday, causing death to thirty-one persons and injury to 200 others, was probably caused by an infernal machine—possibly a time bomb—according to almost unanimous opinion of expert investigators of the Department of Justice and the police today.

Search of the wreckage near the scene revealed, according to a high official who requested that his name be withheld, fragments of clockwork, such as is commonly used in making bombs.

Three pieces of curved metal were also found beneath the surface of the pavement in the hole caused by the explosion. Another piece of similar metal was taken from the body of Robert Westday, a sixteen-year-old messenger, who was killed, according to Dr. Charles H. Norris, chief medical examiner.

Accident Theory Discredited

The authorities said that the finding of these bits of evidence virtually discredited the theory held earlier by some officials that the explosion might have been caused by a collision of an auto with a wagon loaded with explosive.

Examination of the wrecked wagon revealed, according to the police, that it was what is known as a "rack truck" and that it was unlikely a vehicle of this type would be used to transport powerful explosives.

Careful investigation by city authorities showed that no permits had been granted for carting explosives yesterday. These and other scattering reports chiefly occupied the attention of J. L. Flynn, chief of bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice, who arrived early today from Washington to take personal charge of the investigation.

Thomas W. Lamont, of J. P. Morgan & Co., however, in front of whose offices the explosion occurred, expressed the opinion that it was purely accidental.

GUARDS WILL REMAIN

Searchlights criss-crossed in the sky above the buildings, and no one was allowed on the streets. The special corps of guards will be kept in the roped-off district for several days, it was announced. Entrance into that district will be by well-established credentials only.

Mayor Hyman called a meeting of the board of estimate today to consider

WAS TRYING TO RESCUE BROTHER FROM THREATENING STREET CAR

Running across the street to rescue her baby brother, three years old, from a threatening street car, Anna Shikari, five, was run down by an automobile driven by Herbert E. Way, Prospect Park, in front of the gate of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, Edlystone, late yesterday afternoon. She died fifteen minutes later in the Chester Hospital.

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PORRAS REVERES WASHINGTON

Washington, Sept. 17.—(By A. P.)—Dr. Helisarro Porras, president-elect of Panama, in laying a wreath in Washington's tomb yesterday, hailed Mount Vernon as the Mecca for all Americans who would seek inspiration in "political justice and disinterestedness."

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